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REMARKS

Claims 23, 24, 37, 39 and new claims 40-42 are pending in the application.

Claims 10 and 12 (which depend from claim 37) are indicated to be allowable. Claim 34 has been amended to more particularly articulate the invention.

Claims 10 and 12 are indicated to be allowable. Claim 10 depends from claim 37. Claim 37 has been amended to include the matter of claim 10. Allowable claim 12, has been rewritten in independent form as new claim 40.

Claim 23 and claim 24, by its dependency on claim 23 depend from amended claim 37 (allowable claim 10).

New claims 41 and 42 have been added to round out the coverage for the invention and each depends from an allowable claim, respectively, claim 40 (allowable claim 12); and correspond to the features of claims 23 and 24.

The rejections and objection are believed to be moot and/or obviated in view of the above amendments.

Reconsideration and early allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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If matters remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's undersigned representative to resolve them:

IF necessary, an appropriate extension of time to respond is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Patent Office Deposit Account No. 05-0208.

Respectfully submitted,
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